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SUBJECT: OPENING OF SOVIET INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION: POST- MORTEM

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1. LOCAL BERLIN PRESS HAS BEEN UNIFORMLY CRITICAL NOT ONLY OF SOVIET " TRICKS" IN REGARD TO OPENING CEREMONY AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOVIET INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION, BUT OF SENAT FOR ALLOWING SOVIETS TO SCORE IMPORTANT POLITICAL POINTS. EDITORIAL COMMENT ON OPENING OF SOVIET EXHIBITION HAS FOCUSED ON BRUSQUE TREATMENT ACCORDED FRG STATE SECRETARY ROHWEDDER AND ON FACT THAT SOVIET FLAG FLEW ALONE OVER EXHIBITION GROUNDS. SENAT WAS CRITICIZED ON BOTH SCORES. MAY 2 DIE WELT, FOR EXAMPLE, BLAMED GOVERNING MAYOR FOR ALLOWING HIMSELF TO BE SEPARATED FROM ROHWEDDER IN COURSE OF CEREMONY, NOTING THAT HE HAD IN SO DOING SERVED SOVIET TACTIC OF ISOLATING WEST BERLIN. COMMENTING ON FLAG ISSUE, BERLINER MORGENPOST
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REMARKED ON MAY 1 THAT " COMPROMISE" REACHED BETWEEN SENAT AND SOVIET ORGANIZERS IN FACT PERMITTED SOVIETS TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOAL OF HAVING NO FRG FLAG FLYING FOR OPENING CEREMONY.

2. EDITORIALS DREW UNANIMOUS CONCLUSION THAT SOVIET MACHINATIONS SURROUNDING INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION WERE CLEARLY PART OF EFFORT TO UNDERMINE ANY REALISTIC IMPLEMENTATION OF PROVND TO NOTE EXTREMELY FINE JOB DONE BY COL. KELLY AND MEMBERS USMT. BELIEVE KUWAIT MILITARY FROM MOD SHAIKH SAAD ON DOWN, NOT TO MENTION FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS, VERY PLEASED AND IMPRESSED WITH USG PERFORMANCE IN PUTTING TEAM TOGETHER ON SHORT NOTICE. THEY ESPECIALLY PLEASED WITH PROFESSIONALISM OF TEAM AND OUR OBVIOUS INTEREST IN DOING BEST FOR KUWAIT, ABOUT WHICH THEY COMMENTED TO ME AND OTHER EMBOFFS. FUTHERMORE BELIEVE USMT DID MUCH TO GET GOK TO FOCUS ON DEFENSE NEEDS. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP IN EFFORT GET GOK REACH DECISIONS RE PACKAGE WE OFFERED AND TO SIGN PROPOSALS ASAP.
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